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SUBJ: VISIT OF HAITI'S FOREIGN MINISTER TO IRAN

REF: TEHRAN 1555, TEHRAN 2896, PORT AU PRINCE 1572

1. HAITI'S FOREIGN MINISTER BRUTUS VISITED TEHRAN AUGUST 20 THROUGH AUGUST 25. DURING HIS VISIT HE HAD AN AUDIENCE WITH THE SHAH AND MET WITH OTHER LEADING IRANIAN OFFICIALS AND BUSINESSMEN (ALTHOUGH NOT WITH IRANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER KHALATABARY OR MINISTER FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND FINANCE ANSARY WHO WERE OUT OF TOWN) TO DISCUSS EXPANSION OF COMMERCIAL RELATIONS, IRANIAN INVESTMENT IN HAITI AND THE POSSIBLE OPENING OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. OUTCOME APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN SOMEWHAT INCONCLUSIVE. WHEN AMBASSADOR MET WITH FOREIGN MINISTER KHALATABARY AUGUST 26 ON OTHER MATTERS, HE RAISED THE QUESTION OF WHETHER DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS MIGHT BE ESTABLISHED BETWEEN IRAN AND HAITI. KHALATABARY INDICATED THAT THIS WAS NOT AN IMMEDIATE PROSPECT BUT DID NOT RULE OUT THE POSSIBILITY OF SOME TRADE OR COMMERCIAL RELATIONSHIP BEING FORMED.

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2. DURING A MEETING XRUTUS HAD WITH IRANIAN MINISTER OF

INDUSTRY FAROKH NAJMABADI, THE POSSIBILITY OF IRAN PROVIDING HAITI WITH A HOSPITAL AND HELP WITH A REFORESTATION PLAN WAS ALSO DISCUSSED, APPARENTLY INCONCLUSIVELY. PRINCE AZOD, GENERAL DIRECTOR OF AHWAZ SUGAR BEET AND REFINERY COMPANY, WHO SHEPHERDED BRUTUS AROUND AND WHO IS INTERESTED IN DEVELOPING A PRIVATE SECTOR SUGAR PROJECT IN HAITI (REFTELS), TOLD US THAT THERE WAS STILL MUCH TO BE DONE IN TERMS OF FEASIBILITY STUDIES, IRON-CLAD HAITIAN GUARANTEES OF INVESTMENT AND SAFEGUARDS AGAINST EXPROPRIATION, ETC BEFORE CONCRETE RESULTS CAN BE EXPECTED. HE ALSO INDICATED THAT HE PERSONALLY WOULD BE RELUCTANT TO GO FORWARD WITH A FIRM INVESTMENT IN HAITI IN THE ABSENCE OF FORMAL RELATIONS BEING ESTABLISHED BETWEEN IRAN AND HAITI. HE DID SAY, HOWEVER, THAT A JOINT IRANIAN/AMERICAN VENTURE MIGHT BE POSSIBLE WITH SAFEGUARDS ASSURED THROUGH THE AMERICAN CONNECTION.

3. AMBASSADOR MET WITH BRUTUS, WHO DELIVERED AMBASSADOR ISHAM'S LETTER, FOR ABOUT AN HOUR OF PLEASANT BUT RATHER GENERAL CONVERSATION.
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